



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP ART UNIT 2157**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/872,300  
Filed: May 31, 2001  
Inventor(s):  
Andrew Thomson

Examiner: Burgess, Barbara N.  
Group/Art Unit: 2157  
Atty. Dkt. No: 5150-46100

Title: System and Method for  
Providing Network  
Interfaces to Instruments  
Without Networking  
Capabilities

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION  
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF  
OCTOBER 20, 2005**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of October 20, 2005, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is included herewith.

Please amend the case as listed below.